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Ex-rebel chief: CIA lied

MIAMI — Former anti-Sandinista guerrilla leader Edgar Chamorro Wednesday accused the CIA — his former sponsor and employer — of “lying” to his group and to Congress.

“We had private assurances we were to fight all the way to Managua to take control of the government,” he said Wednesday. “But they told us to tell Congress we would just put pressure on the Sandinistas.”

The CIA was not available for comment.

Chamorro, who once led the FDN guerrilla group, said the CIA hired him in 1982 to “improve the image” of pro-Somoza people the CIA “was packaging.”

He is harsh on the CIA. “We are not just anti-communist, we are also pro-democracy and need debate — not manipulation.”

— Ben Barber